(c) The following remedial steps have already been taken:

(i) Subsidised Flying is provided by the Director General of Civil Aviation for issue of Assistant Flight Instructor's Rating and Flight Instructor's Rating to encourage pilots to take up flying training jobs at Flying clubs.

(ii) Ist Flight Instructor's Rating course of six weeks duration was conducted at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) from 18-7-94 to 27-8-94.

(iii) Second Flight Instructor's Rating Course of six weeks duration is currently going on at IGRUA w.e.f. 13-3-95. Once the trained personnel come out after finishing the course the position will improve.

(iv) Chief Flying Instructors of all the Flying Clubs having more than 5000 hours of flying experience have been permitted to impart flying training at the Flying Clubs for the issue of the Flight Instructor's Rating.

Criteria for appointment of Managing Director of Hotel Corporation of India

4311. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules|norms|criteria have been followed by the Government in the appointment of Managing Director of Hotel Corporation of India;

(b) if so, whether the Chairman of Air India has opposed this appointment and has given contention with regard to the appointment;

(c) if so, what are the details of his contention and the Government's view with it; and

(d) if not, the basis/reasons of appointment of Managing Directors of Hotel Corporation of India despite Chairman's protest?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Selection to the top level appointments in Public Sector Undertakings are processed by the Public Enterprises Selection Board; Approvals of the Minister in charge and of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet are necessary. This procedure has been followed, while appointing Managing Director of HCI Ltd.

(b) to (d): No, Sir, Chairman Air India had sought some clarifications on behalf of the Board of Directors of Air India regarding the appointment of MD, HCI on some procedure aspects. Necessary clarifications have been given.

Comission to ticketing agents by India Airlines and Air India

4312. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the pecentage of commission given by Indian Airlines and Air India to ticketing agents;

(b) what other fringe benefits the ticketing agents are entitled to from the Indian Airlines and Air India in addition to the commission; and

(c) wehther Air India offers to its agents additional commission in certain special sector: if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): Commission and other benefits given to passenger sales agents by Air India|Indian Airlines are listed below:—

Air India :—

(i) 9 per cent commission to IATA agents

(ii) 75 per cent concessional tickets, to the extent of two for each approved location per year to full time employes of the agent and 50 per cent concession to accompanying spouse.